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REPORT  
OF THE  
OTTAWA IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1909.

During the year the expenditure was \$57,364.33, which included \$21,455.00, the amount required to redeem debenture No. 5. Eleven debentures, each for the same amount, still remain in force.

The amount available for expenditure, including a second contribution from the Corporation of Ottawa, for improving Bronson Park, was \$66,483.01, and the balance on hand at the end of the fiscal year was \$9,118.68. The amount expended on construction was \$23,007.37, and for maintenance, \$11,363.20.

Construction work was continued on National and Patterson's Creek Parks, while that on Bronson Park was completed. Some slight repairs were made to other works and the maintenance of all the works was carried on as usual.

Annexed hereto is a statement of receipts and expenditure for the fiscal year and from the beginning of the Commission's operations to the 31st March, 1909.

The work done was as follows:—

Patterson's Creek Parks... .. \$10,320.21

During the winter of 1908-9, after the water had been let out of the Rideau Canal, about 10,000 cubic yards of mud was taken from the bed of the creek and used to fill in an area 30 feet wide between the stone wall surrounding the creek and the boundary of the park property. This 30 foot strip extends from O'Connor St. westwardly to Clemow Avenue. A stone wall 300 feet long, 7 feet high and 4 feet wide was built around the little island in that part of the creek east of O'Connor Street, the stone being taken from the Ordnance quarry at the end of LeBreton Street. The 1900 feet of stone wall around the creek, built the previous year, was levelled off and prepared for the concrete coping.

National Park... .. \$7,309.77

Three hundred toise of limestone was quarried, broken and delivered for the road to be built from the foot of the hill at the western end of the park and along the southern boundary, and also for filling in 2,500 feet of surface drains, 2 feet wide and 2 feet 6 inches deep, laid throughout the park. Trees, principally white elms, and shrubs from the Commission's nurseries at Rockcliffe and the Experimental Farm, about 2,000 in all, were planted. Grading and filling for a portion of the bridle path along the road above mentioned, was done, a length of a quarter of a mile being built. The mile speedway was graded, weeded and rolled.

Bronson Park... .. \$2,691.58

A ledge of rock containing about 400 cubic yards was removed from the base of the cliff to level off the surface of the park, the material being carted away to Patter-



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son's creek and used for drains. The grading, terracing, sodding and planting of the park was finished, the walks and two sets of concrete stairs constructed, and the park completed.

Rockcliffe Park... .. \$928.89

The large summer house overlooking Governor's Bay was completed and the hill on which the house is situated and the approach thereto graded.

Monkland Avenue... .. \$820.68

210 toise of rubble stone for the bottom of the roadway was quarried and delivered on the site of the work.

Minto Bridge... .. \$170.47

The expenditure was for repairing the flooring of the bridge.

Strathcona Park... .. \$38.00

Repairs were made to the riprap wall along the Rideau River front.

H. N. BATE,  
*Chairman.*  
  
STEPHEN E. O'BRIEN,  
*Secretary.*

THE OTTAWA IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS; AND EXPENDITURES UP TO 31st MARCH, 1909.

Receipts.	For fiscal year ending March 31, 1909.	Total.
Balance on hand.. . . . .	\$ 404.01	
On deposit in Savings Bank, Bank of Ottawa.. . . . .	5,000.00	
Government Grant.. . . . .	60,000.00	\$585,000.00
Miscellaneous, including \$1,000 from the City for Bronson park	1,079.00	4,823.74
Interest.. . . . .	.....	1,330.31
Debentures.. . . . .	.....	270,373.84
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	\$ 66,483.01	\$861,527.89



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## Expenditures.

Princess Louise Vista.. . . . .	.....	\$ 5,864.14
Rideau Hall Grounds.. . . . .	.....	1,053.86
City Streets.. . . . .	.....	15,512.24
Storage Shed.. . . . .	.....	2,246.52
Baxter, Keefer & McKay Properties.. . . . .	.....	8,986.10
C.A.R. Subway.. . . . .	.....	13,197.24
Dow's Lake Causeway.. . . . .	.....	24,315.85
Syenite.. . . . .	.....	3,514.75
Cartier Square.. . . . .	.....	213.34
King Edward Avenue.. . . . .	.....	92,237.39
Clemow Avenue.. . . . .	.....	23,013.30
Green and Maple Islands.. . . . .	.....	7,698.38
Somerset Street Park.. . . . .	.....	3,420.74
Road Machinery.. . . . .	.....	11,870.63
Minto Bridge.. . . . .	.....	41,152.74
Minto Bridge Maintenance.. . . . .	170.47	3,986.16
King Edward Avenue Maintenance.. . . . .	1,077.61	10,012.78
Strathcona Park.. . . . .	38.00	46,023.87
Strathcona Park Maintenance.. . . . .	1,079.49	3,510.67
Monkland Avenue.. . . . .	820.68	6,656.75
Rockcliffe Park.. . . . .	839.58	6,805.34
Rockcliffe Park Maintenance.. . . . .	1,320.92	9,339.12
Rideau Canal Driveway.. . . . .	928.89	171,165.50
Rideau Canal Driveway Maintenance.. . . . .	6,949.01	54,972.03
Somerset Street Park Maintenance.. . . . .	305.35	961.82
National Park.. . . . .	7,309.77	122,425.56
Bronson Park.. . . . .	2,691.58	3,736.28
King Edward Avenue Park.. . . . .	58.66	12,230.11
King Edward Avenue Park Maintenance.. . . . .	460.35	936.58
Patterson's Creek Parks.. . . . .	10,320.21	24,372.64
Contingencies.. . . . .	1,147.82	7,336.56
Office Expenses.. . . . .	337.24	3,484.12
Printing and Advertising.. . . . .	16.50	913.52
Interest.. . . . .	37.20	1,967.58
Debenture No. 5.. . . . .	21,455.00	107,275.00
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	\$57,364.33	\$852,409.21
Balance on hand.. . . . .	9,118.68	9,118.68
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	\$66,483.01	\$861,527.89
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STEPHEN O'BRIEN,  
Secretary.





